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MINNESOTA SPRING WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM 2010

Based on July 1 conditions, the Minnesota **SPRING WHEAT** crop is forecast at 81.1 million bushels, down 5 percent from last year, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. The yield forecast of 52 bushels per acre, is down 3 bushels per acre from last year. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 1.56 million acres, up slightly from 2010.

BARLEY production is forecast at 4.13 million bushels, down 5 percent from 2010. The yield is forecast at 59 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from 2010. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 70,000 acres, unchanged from a year ago.

OAT production is forecast at 7.32 million bushels, down 36 percent from 2010. The yield is forecast at 61 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 120,000 acres, down 27 percent from 2010. This is the lowest oat area for harvest on record.

FALL POTATO acres planted totaled 49,000 acres. Acres estimated to be harvested totaled 46,000 acres. The planted level is up 9 percent and the harvested level is up 10 percent from 2010. Acreage planted by type of potato consists of 70 percent Russets, 20 percent Reds, 9 percent Whites, and 1 percent Yellows.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

Winter Wheat Production Up 3 Percent from June

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.49 billion bushels, up 3 percent from last month and up slightly from 2010. The United States yield is forecast at 46.2 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last month but down 0.6 bushel from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 32.3 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2011, but up 2 percent from last year.

Hard Red Winter, at 791 million bushels, is up 2 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 458 million bushels, is up 6 percent from the previous forecast. White Winter is up 1 percent from last month and now totals 243 million bushels. Of this total, 11.6 million bushels are Hard White and 231 million bushels are Soft White.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 551 million bushels, down 11 percent from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain totals 13.2 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2011, but down 1 percent from last year. The United States yield is forecast at 41.7 bushels per acre, 4.4 bushels below 2010. Of the total production, 504 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, down 12 percent from last year.

MINNESOTA & U.S. SMALL GRAIN HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION, 2010 AND FORECASTED JULY 1, 2011

COMMODITY	2010 HARVESTED ACRES	2011 HARVESTED ACRES	2010 YIELD	2011 YIELD	2010 PRODUCTION	2011 PRODUCTION
-1,000 ACRES-			-BUSHELS-		-1,000 BUSHELS-	
MINNESOTA						
SPRING WHEAT	1,550	1,560	55.0	52.0	85,250	81,120
BARLEY	70	70	62.0	59.0	4,340	4,130
OATS	165	120	69.0	61.0	11,385	7,320
FALL POTATO ^{1,2}	42	46	405		17,010	
UNITED STATES						
SPRING WHEAT	13,359	13,220	46.1	41.7	615,975	550,660
DURUM WHEAT	2,529	1,647	42.4	38.7	107,180	63,720
WINTER WHEAT	31,749	32,307	46.8	46.2	1,485,236	1,491,739
BARLEY	2,465	2,480	73.1	69.6	180,268	172,658
OATS	1,263	934	64.3	60.5	81,190	56,551
FALL POTATO ^{1,2}	1,004.7	1,065.3	395		397,189	

¹ Yield in Cwt & Production in 1,000 Cwt.

² The forecast of fall potato production will be published in the November "Crop Production."